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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/710,807	Applicant(s) SCHOONDERBEEK ET AL.	
	Examiner Kenneth Thompson	Art Unit 3672	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19, 21 and 23-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 21, 23-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 16-19 and 28-30 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The recitation "the aperture" in claim 16, line 5 and 6 should be changed to "at least one of said apertures", "each of said apertures", "apertures", or the like. Claims 17-19 depend from claim 16 and are likewise objected to. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 28 should end with a period. Claims 29 and 30 depend from claim 28 and are likewise objected to.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Breukelman, U.S. 2,897,897.

Regarding claims 1, 2 and 4-12, Breukelman discloses a casing having apertures (45) for produced fluid; an injection conduit (15,20; col. 2, lines 47-53) having apertures (25), graduated apertures (21; col. 3, lines 13-16), one-way valves (31) in some apertures (21) flush with the outer circumference, wherein the valve limits flow into the

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conduit (col. 3, lines 20-26) and limits outward flow from the conduit (col. 4, lines 19-28) to a lesser degree than inward flow.

As to claims 13, Breukelman discloses cup packers (16,17) limiting wellbore cross-flow.

As to claims 14, Breukelman discloses in figure 3 the apertures (21) having an increasing diameter along the length of the conduit which creates a larger space between the smaller diameter apertures near the top portion than the space between the larger diameter apertures at the lower portion and limits fluid pressure surge.

Claims 1, 3, 21, 23-25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patton et al., U.S. 4,258,788.

Patton discloses in figures 1 and 12 a conduit (4) isolating formation intervals with packers (7), axially spaced apertures (11), a one-way valve (32), a base pipe (9) and screen (38) covering the aperture.

Patton discloses in figure 6 injecting fluid through an aperture (11) with a varied concentrated area to the interior of the conduit having a check valve (15) and filter plate (21) and a spring (20) dampening.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schroeder, Jr. et al., U.S. 5,127,474.

Schroeder, Jr. et al. discloses a housing (40,52) within radial ports (at 38) in a well conduit (22) having a plurality of apertures (26) and a valve member (48).

Claims 26 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bryan, U.S. 2,2147,305.

Bryan discloses a conduit (2) having a valve (21) therein, radial apertures (25) and a valve (26; 27, 28) meeting the first alternative of allowing flow from the exterior to the interior and limiting outward flow via a varied concentrated outlet port area (at 27).

Claims 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gray, U.S. 2,602,516.

Gray discloses a production conduit (36) apertures (at 14) radially spaced from the conduit longitudinal axis, a check ball valve (17) and seat (14) meeting the first alternative of allowing flow from the exterior to the interior and restricting flow from the interior to the exterior and a gland screen (15) covering the aperture.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 17 November 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue the prior art of Breukelman does not include communication with the surface via tubing and not with a target reservoir.

Breukelman discloses fluid communication with a producing oil well formations via the tubing.

Applicants argue the limitation "restricting flow" in claim 9 requires flow.

The claim does not require a restricted flow of fluid through the aperture and the prior art check valve restricts fluid from flowing.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

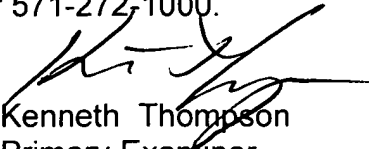
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Thompson whose telephone number is 571 272-7037. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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